

Meeting Minutes

Lakewood Anti-Racism Task Force
Monday, January 31, 2022 - Virtual Meeting
7:00pm-8:30pm

Task Force In Attendance

X Secretary, William Yeung	Secretary, Janika Cook	X Chair, Laura Rodriguez-Carbone	X Sam Pearson	X Kathleen McBride
X Jessica Cotton	X Kate Newsome	Carol Moss Chapman	X Co-Chair, Angelina Steiner	X Nathan Lizanich

City of Lakewood Attendees

Antionette Gelsomino

Public Attendees

Natasha Takyi-Micah

Loren Anthes

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.

Roll Call by ARTF Secretary

Co-Chair Laura Rodriguez-Carbone called the roll which is recorded in the table above.

Review and Approval of Meeting Minutes from 01/10/2022 meeting

The Taskforce reviewed the previous meeting notes. The Chair, Laura Rodriguez-Carbone proposed an amendment to change a spelling correction of the Acronym ARTF. Changes made and approved. Jessica Cotton motioned to approve the amended meeting minutes, William Yeung seconded and the meeting minutes were approved.

ARTF BUSINESS

A. Nathan Lizanich introduced himself as a new member of the ARTF.

B. Letter to City Council Regarding HB 327 (*Referred to Committee of the Whole*) - To be held - Tuesday, February 22, 2022 - The ARTF read their letter to the City Council at the most recent Committee of the Whole Meeting. At the most recent City Council Meeting, Councilperson Radar expressed interest in having the Council take up writing a statement and voting on a disapproval of HB 327 and similar measures.

C. Review of ARTF Reports given to the City Council

The Taskforce reviewed and edited the report. Kate McBride motioned to approve the report as amended and Jessica Cotton seconded. Motion passed.

D. Potential collaboration and funding from Healthy Lakewood Foundation

Kate Ingersoll - Director of Healthy Lakewood Foundation spoke with Laura Rodriguez-Carbone about possible additional funding for ARTF and developing our Racial Equity Plan. Also discussed working to fund Block Party at Madison Park and anti-violence prevention work in Lakewood.

E. Lakewood United Football Club and Madison Park

Discussion about Lakewood United Football Club's (LUFC) pending decision to use or not use Madison Park. ARTF will continue this conversation at future meetings and consider talking with the LUFC Board to help them better understand the actions that have been taken to keep Madison Park a vibrant community space that should include them.

F. Proposal for ADA Task Force for official DEI Committee for the City of Lakewood

Tracy Greenburg, Co-chair of the ADA Task Force in Lakewood has proposed looking into creating a DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) Working Group that would not be time limited and would work to gather and coalesce the efforts being done in diverse Task Forces throughout Lakewood and keep them moving forward and supporting one another. Her proposal is a vision of how to keep the work going in Lakewood. It could also be a way to take the recommendations of the Task Forces and work toward accountability and action within the City. It could also assist in centering anti-racism within broader DEI work. Could a broader committee work to dilute the work of other groups? The discussion will continue at future meetings of the ADA Task Force and/or ARTF.

G. Project on ARTF Lakewood Budget Review

The budget review is just beginning. Sam Pearson is planning to frame the Lakewood budget using Equity budgeting tools that have been put in place in other municipalities across the country and have been researched at places like University of Illinois at Chicago. This report to

ARTF should be ready in a month or so.

H. RFP Work Continuation

Edits, and recommendations made since last meeting by Kate McBride, Samuel Pearson, and Laura Rodriguez-Carbone. ARTF read through the RFP document and discussed each section. Members discussed the timeline, how quickly the work can be done, should be done, and will the budget to pay for a consultant affect the timeline, if so, how? Dividing the work into phases may be effective. Loren Anthes from Lakewood Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) told ARTF that the CHNA is also an action plan and does intentionally include action and lenses that include anti-biased, and anti-racism. He also advised that the consultant can help guide the timeline for the writing of the Equity Plan.

Closing Statements

- Next meeting will begin with a report from Loren Anthes regarding the Lakewood Community Health Needs Assessment.

Adjournment

Chair Laura Rodriguez-Carbone called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. William Yeung motioned, and Kate McBride seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Next Meeting Date

Monday, February 14, 2022 7-8:30PM